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§1.53(b) as a continuation of the : Res. Tri. Park, NC 27709  
Application having serial number : Group Art Unit: 2645  
09/782,773 : Examiner: Scott L. Weaver  
For: Selectable Audio and Mixed  
Background Sound for Voice  
Messaging System

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Mail Stop Patent Application  
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Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment accompanying an application filed under 37 C. F. R. §1.53(b) as a continuation of the Application having serial number 09/782,773. The parent case was filed on February 13, 2001, and is assigned to the Group Art Unit and Patent Examiner indicated above. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted.